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1. SCIATT TALKED WITH VADIM FEDOROV SATURDAY, APRIL 28 (A WORKING DAY) AND EXPLAINED TO HIM CONSEQUENCES OF CURTAILING HIS VISIT TO US TO TEN DAYS. HE THOROUGHLY UNDERSTANDS NOW DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT THIS WOULD HAVE ON HIS PROGRAM IN US (PARA 1 REF A) AND WILL TAKE MATTER UP WITH ISRAEL ON URGENT BASIS. HE LATER INFORMED EMBASSY THAT RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE IN HYDROMET WERE UNAVAILABLE. BECAUSE OF HOLIDAYS, NEXT SOVIET WORKING DAYS WILL BE THURSDAY, MAY 3. REGRET THAT EMBASSY PROBABLY WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE DEFINITE ANSWER TO LENGTH OF STAY OF THIS GROUP UNTIL THAT TIME. WE ALSO CANNOT PREDICT OUTCOME, BUT HOPE THAT SCHNEIDER CAN POSTPONE PROGRAM REVISION UNTIL THAT TIME.

2. FYI: AS FEDOROV UNDERSTANDS IT, REDUCTION OF STAY TO TEN DAYS WAS CONNECTED WITH AEROFLOT SCHEDULE (A RECURRING PROBLEM IN THESE EXCHANGES). IT MAY BE THAT RETURN AEROFLOT FLIGHT MAY 27 WAS FULLY BOOKED. END FYI.
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